राज्यों के 149 जिलो में इस समय जिला प्राथिक शिक्षा कार्यक्रम चल रहा है। अनौपचारिक शिक्षा योजना भी पिछड़े और दूर-दराज क्षेत्रों में स्कूल न जाने वाले बच्चों के लिए है और इसलिए यह लड़कियों पर विशेष ध्यान देती है। संपूर्ण साक्षरता अभियान भी महिलाओं में साक्षरता बढ़ाने पर विशेष बल देता है। महिला समाख्या कार्यक्रम भी निम्न महिला साक्षरता क्षेत्रों में एक अन्य प्रयास है।

शासन के राष्ट्रीय एजेंडे में लड़कियों की शिक्षा को प्राथमिकता दी गई है और वर्ष 1998-99 के बजट में लड़कियों की निशुल्क शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देने के लिए 100 करोड़ रुपये निर्धारित किए गए हैं।

Promotion of Modern Indian Languages

3451. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minfster of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the modem Indian languages, which .the Ministry of HRD are promoting and the budget allocated for each of such languages; .

(b) whether Sanskrit is also included, if not, what is' the amount allocated during 1998-99 for promotion of Sanskrit; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government is increasing allocation to Sanskrit by 300% for 1998-99; if so, what are the schemes proposed?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Human Resource Development implements various schemes, through its subordinate offices' autpnomous bodies, for the promotion of languages included in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution which includes Sanskrit also. The allocation of funds for the development of languages including Sanskrit for 1998-99 is Rs. *6Q.S0* crore, for the promotion of Sanskrit, the allocation for 1998-99 is Rs. 30.00 crore as against B.E. of Rs. 25.31 crore and R.E. of Rs. 14.33 during 1997-98.

The schemes to be Implemented during 1998-99 are as follows:

(i) Financial assistance to pandits.

(ii) Scholarships to students of HigV Higher Secondary schools studying Sanskrit.

(iii) Providing facilities for teaching of Sanskrit in Secondary Schools.

(iv) Modernisation of Sanskrit Pathshalas.

(v) Grant to State Governments for various schemes for promotion of Sanskrit such as upgrading the salary of Sanskrit teachers, holding of evening classes, honouring vedic scholars, celebrating Kalidasa samaroha, assistance to non-Government organisations sponsored by State Government for Research Projects, Deemed Sanskrit Universities, grant for Schools, Colleges, Vidyapeethas, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthans, Deemed Sanskrit Universities, Central Board of Secondary Education for conducting'organising training to in-service teachers etc.

Eligibility Conditions for UGC Grant

3452. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Universities converted from the State Universities and established directly by the Central Government with their names now functioning in the States;

(b) the eligibility conditions of State universities and colleges for extending UGC's grant;

(c) whether the private colleges can be extended the UGC's grant; and

(d) the names of the State Government colleges receiving UGC's grant in the North Eastern States alongwith amount and purposes duritig the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plans on State-wise basis?